

The Investor and His Rights.

The "Star" with its usual impudent audacity, has been trying to make political bugbear out of certain statistical figures—on the nationality of capital invested here in corporation enterprises—compiled for partisan purposes by the missionary descendant Thomas G. Thrum. "Starry" Smith calls his crazy lucubrations on the matter, "the Investor and his rights," and he starts by asserting that the said statistics of corporations, show "the extent to which native and half-cast Hawaiians are partners in the OWNERSHIP of their Country."

The moral of Smith's postulate is evidently that the investor of capital has an inherent right to own the country in which he deigns to invest, in other words, that an investor of money in a concern or speculation thereby, owns, not only that concern, but also the Universe in which the concern happens to be located. Thus, supposing Smith to have invested money—which God forbid!—in the Star Newspaper Co., this would entitle him to own the house in which the concern is established, and therewith all of Honolulu! This is indeed a new international code of law inaugurated by Smith, whereby, in virtue of all the millions of capital invested by Englishmen in America, that country ought to be owned by its English investors. What would Uncle Sam say to that? But, as such is not yet the case, it is not probable that, on account of a certain amount of foreign capital being invested here, Smith's theory will give the said investors any special, preferential right to own this country, even in spite of the fact (?) that "business is now ruling in nearly all countries where the mass of the population cannot govern itself," which is another fallacious theory of Smith's unbalanced cranium.

The only plausible excuse for Smith's theory to become a law, might be if the said Investors of corporations—whom he so boldly calls to the "ownership of this country"—did also, through the same said capital invested here, possess in fee simple the majority of our lands. But Smith would be very much embarrassed to tell in what proportion our lands are really owned—not simply occupied or cultivated—by the investors of what he claims—on Thrum's debatable assertion—21,700,669 dollars of American capital representing sugar corporations and other mercantile concerns? This is a point very prudently ignored by friend Thrum, but which we challenge him and the "Star" to dare publish.

Thus, whatever rights "Investors" may have—and we are the first to recognize them and wish to see them duly protected—we fail to see how the figures published by the "Star" can in any way "show" that the ownership of corporation capital entitles the capitalists and investors to the ownership of the whole country, all the more so as sugar and mercantile corporations do not represent the whole capital of the Kingdom, nor the sole rights of the Nation. What about the rights of Real-Estates owners not engaged in sugar corporations, and what about the rights of Tax payers at large? This is a point

to be considered in a following issue, when, we shall discuss Thrum's figures in themselves.

AN REVOLVING!

YESTERDAY'S BLASTING.

A Grand Success.

But Blast the Damage.

The Superintendent of Public Works, was the cause yesterday afternoon of a scene, somewhat similar to that seen after an earthquake.

As the "taxpayers" are aware of, work has been going on for the past few weeks on the coral bed near to Brewer's wharf preparing for a blast to demolish it.

The drilling was completed yesterday, and eight holes were ready to receive the charges of powder which were to do the demolishing. Shortly after four o'clock, all was ready for the charge of electricity. The superintendent placed the blasting battery in position, connected the wires running from the charges of powder in the holes, to the battery, then all was ready.

What suspense! What is going to happen! The superintendent then "turned the handle"—and ran away—the "machine did the rest," and "did it" thoroughly, too. Some of the bystanders assert that the superintendent had the appearance of a very scared man at about that time.

Well, yes, the coral bed is supposed to have been blown to pieces, probably it has, but the wharf was considerably damaged. Several of the wharf piles and outside planking are knocked out of place, the earth has caved in and sunk about two and a half feet in some places, while the ground is cracked in places at fifty feet distant. It may be said that at least half of the wharf is injured.

That is the result of the explosion of six of the charges, what would have happened if the whole eight had exploded is probably only known to the "great" and "only"—"Incompetent"—we nearly said "Omnipotent"—but we presume that he also knows something of what it might have been.

The Advertiser says, "Rowell ran off as soon as he had turned the handle, for he anticipated what was coming." If Rowell expected a heavy explosion, why did he not warn the spectators. As it was, a native sitting on some bags of grain under the shed on this wharf was thrown to the ground a distance of about five feet, but fortunately escaped without injury; he might have been killed, and so might have several others, all through the carelessness of an incompetent official. The non-explosion of two of the charges is no doubt the only thing that saved a terrible catastrophe.

Now the "taxpayers" will have the pleasure of seeing some of their money paid out for the expenses of repairing a wharf, which need not have been damaged.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The Advertiser man was bothered this morning by the restoration bugardoo. This time it was a "lei" fake.

The Fire Department is very active in drilling every morning and both the drivers and the men have attained a high degree of efficiency. Chief Hunt is to be complimented on the energy displayed by him and his men.

The R. M. S. S. Mariposa is due tomorrow from San Francisco en route to the Colonies. The following passengers are booked to leave by her: Prof. W. T. Brigham, Mrs. J. L. Brown, J. L. Brown, and M. A. Brown.

The yacht Tolna has arrived.

It will be remembered by our readers, that this yacht is owned by the Count Te Tolna Festetics, a scientific gentleman who with the Countess, is on a scientific as well as a pleasure cruise to the South Seas and Australia.

"Simply a shore drill." Yes, that is what the natives thought when they saw the troops marching up Fort Street. But several of the P. G.'s and annexationists showed by "outward" expressions that they were very much "internally" worried.

The Concordia P. C. Band has some Silver Plated Instruments which they have no use for, for sale. Parties desiring any of them, may inquire of Mr. J. S. Liborio or of Mr. J. T. Figueiredo at the Post Office. Oct. 25-1

Clarence Macfarlane took a trip to Kohala yesterday, for the purpose of recuperating his health and deliver his well-known stallion "Duke" to the new owner Mr. Eben Low. We expect that the stallion will now be created Duke of Puuwaawaa and on those fertile lands admire the Star's homesteads—and then be skinned.

Lot Slocum was shipped to Maui yesterday on the Claudine by Mr. W. M. Cunningham. When Billy said goodbye to Lot the old trotter whispered to him "you give me a rest for 10 months in Lahaina and I come down and beat Gerster hollow." Billy smiled and went out and picked up some few pheasants on his shooting right—on the other side of the Chinese Theater.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss 'Tis Folly to be Wise.

(This was not at Waialeale Falls.)

A young gentleman and a lady companion, names are withheld, while enjoying a ramble through the woods, came to a pretty and shady spot near a sparkling pool of water in which the trees and verdure near by were prettily reflected.

Attracted by the beauties of nature, the ramblers seated themselves on the banks of the pretty pool in which their own figures soon were reflected. The young hearts were enjoying the scene as young hearts know how, the young man was gazing intently on the water admiring the reflections therein, when his companion made the remark, "no; I am sure—no man ever saw my ankles." A few seconds silence, the young man with his eyes still gazing on the water answered "N-o." Silence—Tableaux.—Truth.

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Reward.

A Postal Savings Bank Book No. 465 has been lost at my residence during this month. Who ever finds it and returns same at my residence at Heeia, Koolau-poko, Oahu, or at the law office of Jas. K. Kaulia, in Honolulu, will receive a reward.

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